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STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, INCLUDING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES OR REGIONS

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Special emergency economic assistance to the Comoros

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the fact that, on 28 September 1995, an army of international mercenaries invaded the Comoros, overthrew the President of the Republic, disrupted the constitutional order and, in so doing, the State institutions, as well as the political, economic and social order of the country,

Noting also that the unfavourable situation of the Comoros, which is on the list of least developed countries, is aggravated by several important factors, including its physical distance from its trading partners, the scarcity of natural resources, the diminutive size of the domestic market, the fall in prices of its export products and the poverty of its soil,

Taking note of the economic and social trauma caused by that invasion and the material and structural damage suffered by the country during those events,

Aware of the efforts made by the Government and people of the Comoros to assist the most affected and deprived sectors of the population,

Considering in particular the fact that, in order to respond to those urgent humanitarian needs, the Government of the Comoros, in the absence of other resources, had to reallocate as a matter of great urgency a major part of

the budget required for the functioning of the State and the financial resources normally devoted to vital economic and social programmes,

Noting nonetheless the insufficiency of means available to the Government to execute programmes of reconstruction and development essential for the survival of the nation,

1. Expresses its gratitude to the States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations which have provided assistance to the Government of the Comoros for the rehabilitation of the country and appeals for the continuation of such assistance;

2. Stresses nonetheless that the financial resources available are still insufficient vis-à-vis the basic needs to ensure the emergence of the country from its transitional phase into a development phase;

3. Urgently appeals to all States and all appropriate international organizations, including the United Nations and its specialized agencies, to provide, in consultation with the Government of the Comoros, assistance to the Comoros in repairing the damage caused by the act of aggression;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to furnish all necessary assistance for the purposes of the implementation of paragraph 3 of the present resolution and asks him to dispatch to Moroni as soon as possible a multidisciplinary humanitarian and technical assessment mission in order to carry out a detailed study of the needs of the country in terms of assistance;

5. Requests the community of donor countries and bodies, as well as the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations, to grant to the Comoros all necessary humanitarian, financial, economic and technical assistance, in order to enable it to attain national reconstruction and sustainable development;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.